UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gallagher

FROM : B. H. Cooke

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY 11/22/63 DALLAS, TEXAS

DATE: 9/25/75

1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. Adams
1 - Mr. Jenkins
1 - Mr. Gallagher
1 - Mr. O'Connell
1 - Mr. Cooke
1 - Mr. Gow
1 - Mr. Bassett

Reference is made to 9/18/75 memorandum from B. H. Cooke to Mr. Gallagher and 9/22/75 letter from the Director, FBI, to the Attorney General, which set forth pertinent information concerning an allegation that a teletype dated 11/17/63 had been sent to all SACs concerning a possible attempt to assassinate President Kennedy in Dallas, Texas, 11/22-23/63.

Additional review of referenced material and related documents regarding the alleged teletype received in New Orleans on 11/17/63 fails to reflect that Roy Joseph Simon, a clerical employee assigned to our New Orleans Office in 1963, was ever interviewed concerning such a communication. Review of Bureau personnel records reflects Simon entered on duty 10/21/61 at New Orleans as a clerical employee and tendered his resignation on 6/7/67.

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In regard to former Bureau clerical employee, William S. Walter, review of referenced material and related documents reflect Walter appeared at the office of U. S. Attorney, Louis C. LaCour, Eastern District of Louisiana, New Orleans, Louisiana, on 3/15/68 in connection with the teletype he allegedly received on 11/17/63 at New Orleans. According to AUSA Gene S. Palmisano, who was present at the above meeting, Walter stated he definitly remembered the receipt of such a teletype but did not recall what action he took concerning it. He stated he would normally telephonically contact the SAC, New Orleans, who was Harry Maynor, at that time.

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Further review of this material reflects Walter did not mention or identify any other Bureau employees as having knowledge of this teletype. It is to be noted, however, that Walter was interviewed by Bureau Agents on 3/26/68, at which time he stated he knew of other clerical employees who had knowledge that such a teletype was received. He refused to identify them.

Concerning the initials of the New Orleans employee who received Bureau teletype to all offices dated 11/22/63 entitled; "Assassination of President John F. Kennedy," SA John Edward Cox, Relief Supervisor, New Orleans, advised as follows:

Review of New Orleans records reflects two teletypes under the above caption were received on 11/22/63. The first teletype received at 8:10 p.m. was scrambled; however, the second, a clear copy, was received at 8:44 p.m. New Orleans time. The receiver's initials on both teletypes are TJB. According to Cox, the receiver was Thomas J. Bevans, a security patrol clerk at New Orleans in 1963, who is currently an SA assigned to the Los Angeles Division.

Cox further advised in regard to action taken a review of the above teletypes reflects the first one was block stamped and bears the initials of former SAC, Harry Maynor. The second teletype also reflects a block stamp bearing the initials JR, which Cox feels stand for SA John Reynolds, who has since retired. This teletype also bears the notation; "8:30 a.m., 11/23/63, Jerry or Jerry's, Yazoo, Miss." Cox pointed out that this probably refers to a Resident Agency at Yazoo, Mississippi, as New Orleans covered the Southern District of Mississippi in 1963.

New Orleans is submitting copies of both teletypes.

ACTION: For information.

JWH Geo'd - for PC
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